

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE March 9, 1967

Full Name LAWSON, GEORGE P.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 5699 McGregor Rd.

City Deckerville State Michigan

Age 19 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Prot. Nationality _____

Occupation Student

Education Port Huron Jr. College

Weight 140-150 Color White Height 5'10"

Color of hair Lt. Brown Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Troop 51	Deckerville	Michigan	ASM	2/66	2/67

Has been in Scouting since 8 yrs. of age.

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Admitted that he asked several Scouts in Tr. 51 to perform abnormal sexual acts.

Signed _____
Scout Executive

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March 9, 1967

Mr. Clifford J. Richards
Scout Executive
Blue Water Council, No. 277

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: George P. Lawson

Dear Mr. Richards:

Your letter of March 2, and the enclosed report, addressed to Mr. Wilson concerning George P. Lawson, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 51, has been referred to me for reply since our Service handles matters of this type.

We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have Mr. Lawson's name deleted from the Troop roster.

The information you provided will enable us to identify Mr. Lawson should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB/clr

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COUNCIL 277

Boy Scouts of America
Blue Water Council, Inc.
Port Huron, Michigan

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER
Telephone: YU 2-9529

March 2, 1967

Dr. Delmer Wilson
National Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America
National Council
New Brunswick, N.J. 08903

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I am enclosing a report by our District Executive, Bob Bickel, on a rather sad case that happened in one of our Troops.

This young man has just turned eighteen, and to the best of our knowledge, except for this situation here which is bad, has been a good Scout and leader. It is with deep regret that I must submit this report and ask that George Lawson be placed on the Confidential File. He has been removed from our files and been told that he is not to be active in Scouting again.

His former Scoutmaster, Morris Turnbull, did inquire, however, how far this had gone and wondered if there anything that can be done to change the action. I informed him that in cases like this, it was the duty of the professional Scouter that the report be made and that the person not be allowed to be active in Scouting again. ~~We~~ did say that perhaps because of his age and if he had successful psychiatric treatment that there might be a possibility that action could be taken to reinstate him; but I told him that in cases like this experience has indicated that this is not apt to happen.

In the report by our district executive, Bob Bickel who handled this from the original complaint from one of the fathers and the committman to the actual interview with the boy, there does not seem to be any question that this is a situation that is bad and it must be recommended that his name be placed in the Confidential File.

Scoutingly yours

BLUE WATER COUNCIL, B.S.A.


Clifford J. Richards
Scout Executive

CJR:mbc

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

March 2, 1967

SUBJECT: GEORGE LAWSON
(Sexual Perversion)

On February 21, I received a call at home from [REDACTED], Chairman Troop #51, Deckerville, Michigan, concerning Assistant Scoutmaster George Lawson. Mr. [REDACTED] indicated to me that Mr. Lawson had asked several Scouts in Troop #51 to perform abnormal sexual acts with him, fellatio.

Arrangements were made to meet with Mr. [REDACTED] on Wednesday, February 22. At this meeting, Mr. [REDACTED] told me that he had talked to two other Scout fathers, who in turn had talked to their sons. The sons confirmed our earlier suspicions. I went with Mr. [REDACTED], and also talked to the fathers to confirm Mr. [REDACTED] conversation. Mr. [REDACTED] also informed me he had confronted Mr. George Lawson and he admitted asking the Scouts to perform in abnormal acts.

The following day, February 23, I talked with Mr. George Lawson in the Scout Service Center, and he admitted to me asking three boys to have abnormal relations with him and carrying out such relations. He, Mr. Lawson, admitted he had been homosexually inclined since the 9th grade, at which time he had his first homosexual experience with an older boy in the community.

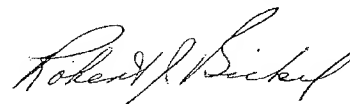
Mr. Lawson contacted, and had his first interview with a counselor at the Port Huron Junior College. In talking with the counselor, Mr. Lawson expressed his desire for help. The counselor is following up, and said to me he would probably refer him to a psychiatrist.

After talking to Mr. George Lawson, there is no doubt in my mind that he should be listed in our Confidential File. Mr. Lawson has been informed that he is to have no further contact with Scouting here or elsewhere.

Mr. Lawson is 19 years old, 5'10" tall, 140 to 150 lbs., light brown hair, fair complexion. He has been in Scouting since 8 years of age. He has earned 27 Merit Badges, but is only a 2nd Class Scout because of an inability to swim. He has demonstrated fair artistic ability. He has held numerous troop offices, the latest being Assistant Scoutmaster. He has also been working with a Troop for mentally retarded boys (the leadership has been notified of this case).

At no time (surprisingly) was there any anger expressed by the fathers or Mr. [REDACTED]. In fact, they have offered to help finance his treatment.

The above facts are true and unbiased to the best of my ability.



Robert J. Bickel
District Executive

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